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SPORTS

Raiders lose a close contest to Altavista

An Altavista score with less than four minutes to play snatched victory from the Raider varsity football team Friday night, as the Colonels took the game 18-15.

Altavista scored first in the first quarter on a two-yard run by Jefl Monroe. The conversion attempt failed, however, and later in the first period, the Raiders took a 7-6 lead on a one-yard run by Ron Kelso and Kevin Kendrick's successful conversion kick.

After a scoreless second quarter, Altavista again took the lead in the third an eight-yard run. The Colonels were again unsuccessful in the conversion attempt, however, and later in the third quarter, the Raiders regained the lead when Ricky Turner took a pass from quarterback Paul Johnson 55 yards into the Altavista end zone. The Raiders got two points on a conversion pass play, and held a 15-12 lead.

But with the fourth quarter winding down, Monroe scored his touchdown of the night, and the final score of the game was enough to give the Colonels an 18-15 district victory.

Quarterback Paul Johnson completed eight of 15 passes for 146 yards, and Ricky Turner caught three of those passes for 105 yards. Kevin Kendrick had two receptions for 28 yards, and Larry Shorter caught two passes for 15 yards.

Ron Kelso was the leading runner, with 110 yards on nine carries.

Friday night the Raiders will square off against a tough William Campbell team, which currently has a 7-1-1 record.

"William Campbell has an excellent offensive line, and some excellent running backs," Raider coach Gary Cuccio said this week.

"They are a very physical team, and we expect a very physical game," the coach continued.

"We know that William Campbell will be a hard-hitting team, and we believe our athletes will be ready to play," the coach concluded.

Friday night's season-ending contest gets underway at 8 p.m. at William Campbell.

Seven jayvees cited

Seven members of the Raider junior varsity football team have been cited for their efforts in the jayvee team's games against Brookville and Altavista.

Against Brookville, players of the week were Larry Trent, Jeff Fanney, Jeff Scruggs, and Andre McCoy.

Trent ran back an interception 55 yards for a touchdown, blocked a punt, had two solo tackles and two assists on defense.

Fanney had seven tackles from his linebacker's spot on defense.

Scruggs did an outstanding job blocking from his position on the defensive line.

McCoy carried the ball 12 times for 61 yards. He also had two tackles and seven assists on defense.

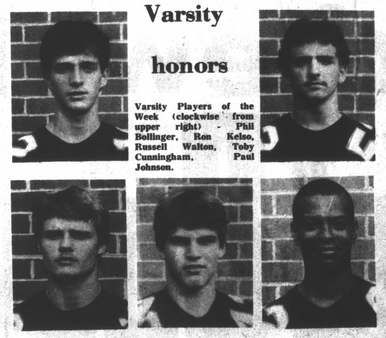
McCoy was also cited for his play against Altavista, when he had six solo tackles, four assists, recovered a fumble and ran for 106 yards.

John Fedison was named offensive lineman of the week following the Altavista game. He blocked well and caught a touchdown pass from his position at tight end.

Edward Johnson was named offensive back of the week. He averaged seven yards per carry from his position at slotback.

Defensive lineman of the week against Altavista was Toby Martin, who had four solo tackles and four assists from his defensive end position.

Varsity honors



Varsity Players of the Week (clockwise from upper right) - Phil Bellinger, Ron Kelso, Russell Walton, Toby Cunningham, Paul Johnson.

JVs defeat Colonels

Following a 21-18 loss to Brookville last Monday in a rain-postponed game, the Raider junior varsity football team Thursday rolled to a 28-6 victory against Altavista.

In the Brookville game, the Bees held a 14-0 lead over the Raiders at the half. Raider Dwayne Patterson scored the first touchdown for the Raiders in the third quarter, when he dashed off tackle 72 yards for the six points. Following a failed conversion attempt, the score stood at 14-6.

Brookville scored shortly thereafter, and held a commanding 21-6 lead. But in the fourth quarter, the Raiders mounted a rally which nearly brought them out on top in the contest.

Larry Trent started the rally when he intercepted a pass and galloped 55 yards into the Bee end zone for the second score. The conversion attempt failed, however. Later in the fourth quarter, quarterback Jeff Motley hit tight end John Pedison for another touchdown. The conversion attempt failed, and the game ended in a 21-18 Bee victory.

Andre McCoy carried the ball 12 times for 61 yards, and Dwayne Patterson had six carries for 85 yards. Motley connected on three of 10 passes for 28 yards and one touchdown.

Defensive leaders against Brookville, according to coach Howard Clabough, were R. W. Jamerson, Tony Martin, Andre McCoy and Keith Robinson.

The Raiders took a 6-0 lead in the first half on a two-yard run by Andre McCoy, who was playing tailback for the injured Dwayne Patterson. Early in the third quarter, McCoy scored again on a 12-yard run. Quarterback Motley scored the two-point conversion play, and the Raiders held a 14-0 lead.

Later in the third quarter, Motley hit tight end John Fedison for another score and a 20-0 lead.

The Raiders' final score came in the fourth quarter, when McCoy scored a gain on a three-yard run. Motley's sneak was good for the two-point conversion, and Appomattox held a 28-0 lead.

Altavista's lone score came in the final period against the Raider reserves.

"We were flat in the first half," commented Clabough. "The offense was having mental lapses, but the defense held up."

Clabough commended McCoy for "a great job filling in for Dwayne Patterson.

On defense, Clabough commended Jeff Scruggs, who blocked a punt, and Jeff Motley, Ricky Dickerson, and Danny Williams, who all intercepted passes against Altavista. Larry Trent also did a good job for the Raiders on defense, Clabough noted, including one recovered fumble.

The Raiders, with a 7-2 record, end their season this Thursday night at home against the Raiders from Amelia County High School. Game time is 6 p.m.

Five gridders cited

Five members of the Raider varsity football team were cited for their efforts in Friday night's game with Altavista.

Ron Kelso, Russell Walton, Toby Cunningham, Phil Bollinger and Paul Johnson were cited as players of the week for their play against Altavista.

Kelso carried the ball nine times for 110 yards and one touchdown, and on defense he had seven tackles, three assists, and one interception.

Walton had ten tackles and three assists on defense.

Cunningham had five tackles and two assists on defense for the Raiders.

Bollinger did an excellent job on special teams and blocking on the offensive line, and on defense he had three tackles and two assists.

Johnson completed eight of 15 passes for 146 yards from his position as quarterback.

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Benefit tournament planned

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The tournament is open to all members of FRCC – male and female – and their guests. There will be separate flights for the men and for the ladies. Entry fee is $10 per person, and all proceeds will be donated to the local rescue squad.

The one-day, 18-hole tournament will consist of two-person teams playing on a captain's choice format. There will be special prizes for all flights, and free coffee and doughnuts will be served at the first and fifth tees.

Players can register now at the country club's pro shop, or on the day of the tournament. The rain date for the event is Nov. 13.

C.T. Moses, Jr., president of the country club, urges "all members and their guests to participate in the tournament, for the benefit of this very worthy cause.

"Our goal is to raise $1,000 for the rescue squad," Moses concluded, "to help them reach their fundraising target for this year."

Turkey shoot set

The Darlington Heights Community Center will sponsor a Turkey Shoot each Saturday beginning November 5 at 7 p.m. and continuing through December 10 at the Darlington Heights Community Center.

C.T. MOSES, JR., president of Falling River Country Club (left) is shown with Ray Noble, captain of the Appomattox Rescue Squad (center) and Tony Guthrie, chairman of the FRCC Greens Committee preparing for this Sunday's first Appomattox Country Rescue Squad benefit golf tournament at FRCC. The goal of the fundraising event is $1,000. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Camping season cut short

The camping season in Virginia State Parks has been shortened this fall due to operational budget reductions, announced Division of Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Ronald D. Sutton.

Ordinarily, campgrounds are scheduled to close on the Monday nearest December 1 and open on the Monday nearest April 1. According to Sutton, "The decision to close the campgrounds early stemmed from a general directive that all State agencies take steps to trim their operational budgets. The first phase of the directive ordered spending cut by 6%, effective July 1. A second, more recent order, effective October 1, called for further trimming by 1.5%."

Suiton added, however, that selected camping facilities would be available during hunting season. These are: Grayson Highlands State Park (Grayson County), which will have campsites available with showers until December 4, weather permitting. Bear Creek Lake (Cumberland County) will have shower accomodations until November 13, again, weather permitting. Holliday Lake (Appomattox County), Goodwin Lake - Prince Edward (Prince Edward County) and Occoneechee (Mecklenburg County) State parks will have campsites available with pit toilets through January 5, 1984. Campsites will be available at Douthat State Park (Bath/Alleghany Counties) through December 4.

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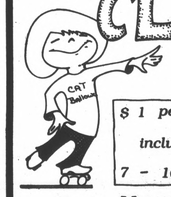

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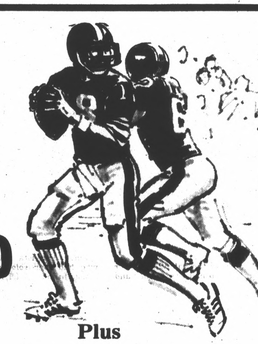

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